

**CHAPTER NO. 86**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2773**

**By Representative Winningham**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2991**

**By Senator Davis**

AN ACT to amend Chapter 157 of the Private Acts of 1923; and Chapter 773 of the Private Acts of 1947, as amended by Chapter 236 of the Private Acts of 1959, Chapter 259 of the Private Acts of 1970, and all other acts amendatory thereto, to divide Scott County into school districts, and to provide for the number, election, and terms of members of the Scott County Board of Education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 157 of the Private Acts of 1923, and Chapter 773 of the Private Acts of 1947, as amended by Chapter 236 of the Private Acts of 1959, Chapter 259 of the Private Acts of 1970, and all other acts amendatory thereto, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. Scott County shall be divided into seven (7) school districts of substantially equal population, which shall be established by resolution of the county legislative body of Scott County.

SECTION 3. The Scott County board of education shall consist of seven (7) members, with one member being elected by the qualified voters in each school district. Board members shall be elected to staggered four (4) year terms so that every two (2) years the terms of approximately one-half of the members of the board shall expire. Persons elected in the regular August elections shall take office on September 1 following the election and shall serve until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The current terms of incumbent members of the Scott County board of education shall not be reduced as a result of changes in school districts provided in this act.

SECTION 4. The Scott County board of education shall have the same powers, duties, privileges and qualifications as other county boards of education established pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49.

SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 6. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the county legislative body of Scott County by September 1, 2002. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the county legislative body of Scott County and certified by such officer to the secretary of state.

SECTION 7. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective upon being approved as provided in Section 6.

**PASSED: February 14, 2002**



JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2002**



DON CONQUIST, GOVERNOR